The total budget allocation for the North Eastern Region for 2006-07 is Rs. 12,041 crore, which includes Rs. 1,350 crores provided to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. From Budget Estimates 2005-06 to Budget Estimates 2006-07, the step-up is 18%. Similarly, the investment/expenditure in the North Eastern Region by the Central Ministries/Deptts. has gone up from Rs. 3,802.93 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 6,403.74 crore in 2004-05.

Utilization of funds allocated to NEC

2416. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of fund to the North Eastern Council (NEC) during the Tenth Plan and the details of the utilization of the fund, including State-wise share of the Tenth Plan Fund; and

(b) the percentage of increase/decrease of the Eleventh Five Year Plan allocation to the NEC?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Total allocation of funds to the North Eastern Council (NEC) during Tenth Plan has been Rs. 2511.50 crore. The details of outlay and expenditure, including state-wise, are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Allocation of funds NEC	450.00	500.00	500.00	461.50	600.00

Funds released to State Governments (1)	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
				(Rs. in crore)
Arunachal Pradesh	36.53	41.17	33.31	48.92
Assam	83.31	154.54	122.92	84.34
Manipur	10.23	11.35	20.10	19.27
Meghalaya	19.97	16.07	21.94	27.95

1	2	3	4	5
Mizoram	16.48	24.16	50.62	42.22
Nagaland	28.55	32.45	20.92	25.19
Sikkim	0.00	13.67	23.98	15.87
Tripura	60.57	28.81	30.59	25.94
Funds released to other agencies (2)	185.81	175.32	174.33	170.45
Total funds released	**441.45**	**497.54**	**498.71**	**460.15**

NOTE:

(1) Allocation to Member States is calculated by taking into account funding of part/ whole of projects/schemes (regional in nature) within the geographical borders of the respective States.

(2) Schemes/Projects taken up for implementation by Airports Authority of India, Border Roads Organisation, Institutes set up by NEC, namely Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, LGB Regional Institute of Mental Health Tezpur, Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Sciences Aizawl, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute Guwahati, North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management Tezpur, North Eastern Police Academy Umiam, etc. are within the purview of Other Agencies.

(SOURCE: NEC Secretariat, Shillong)

(b) Allocation to NEC for the 11th Five Year Plan has not been decided.

Enquiry by National Institute of Oceanography into the Sea Surge

2417. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Oceanography enquired of the "Sea Surge" along the Visakhapatnam coast on 27th July, 2006;

(b) if so, the findings of the National Institute of Oceanography into the frequent sea surges in that area;